

# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

March 2026

*A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*



*“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”*

**Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

**Church Staff**

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

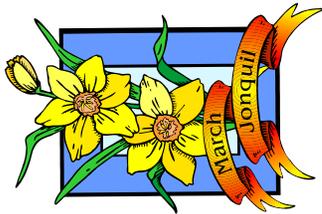
Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Kevin Songer, Custodian

**Church Office Hours**

*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.*

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## Servants for MARCH

**Recorders:** Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

**Pulpit Supply:**  
1 Rose Hilliard (*Communion*)  
8 Rev. Joseph P. Martin  
15 Robert J. Piel  
22 Rev. Rebecca Patterson  
29 Rev. Joseph P. Martin

**Worship Leaders:**  
1 Rhonda Rust  
8 Lois Pierce  
15 Rhonda Rust  
22 Lois Pierce  
29 Rhonda Rust



*If you desire to place flowers in the church for Easter, order forms will be available later in March. As is typical in years past payment will need to accompany the order. Watch future bulletins for additional information.*

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**MISSIONS CORNER:**



A total of \$85.00 was collected on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, for Souper Bowl of Caring; the proceeds were sent to Community Services of Venango County to help fund the Rocky Grove Food Pantry.

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**SPRING AHEAD!**

*Don't forget to change your clocks upon retiring Saturday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>, so as to be on time for church Sunday morning, March 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!*



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**MARCH Birthdays**

4 Aaron Wetjen                      27 Eleanore Moffitt  
6 Kevin Songer                      30 John Dumbleton  
10 Rodney Zeller

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**Lent** began February 18<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday. **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will again be collected during Lent this year. Your contributions will help with disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves towards a better life. Envelopes for donations will be in the bulletins and also in the Narthex. Donations to OGHS offering will be accepted through Easter – April 5, 2026.

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**Answers for Lent Trivia Quiz:**

- 1) 40    2) "Spring"    3) Ash Wednesday    4) Shrove Tuesday
- 5) Palm Sunday    6) 14    7) 3    8) Simon of Cyrene    9) Sundown of Maundy Thursday

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of March

**Week of March 1<sup>st</sup>**

First Church of the Covenant (Erie)  
Rev. Britney Knight, Associate Pastor

12 Members of the Commission to Unify the Office of  
General Assembly and Presbytery Mission Agency

**Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Dr. Lawson Dzanku, Clerk of the General Assembly &  
Pr. Dr. Salome Otame-Abutiata, Presbyter Executive of  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Ghana)

Rev. Lt. Col. Bliss Divine Agbeko (Retired)  
Moderator of the General Assembly, Evangelical Church (Ghana)

**Week of March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Barry Cressman (Honorably Retired)  
Rev. Jim Haas (Honorably Retired)

Presbytery of Lake Erie’s “Bubble Up” participants  
Children of Lake Erie Pastors

**Week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Erie)  
Darin Alvis, Preaching

Edinboro Pastor Nominating Committee  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

**Week of March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tionesta Presbyterian Church  
Roger Snyder & Kevin Vinson, Preaching

Rev. Gregg Townsend and Ruling Elder Jim Ohrn  
Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

A letter dated August 27, 2025, was received from Raymond A. Aikins requesting that his membership status be restored to the active membership list. Ray had been an active member from June 4, 2006, to November 12, 2018. At the September 10, 2025, Session meeting a motion was made by Joyce Wetjen and duly seconded by Lois Pierce to restore Raymond Aikins to active membership. Motion carried unanimously.

In January 2026, Christine Beach requested to join the membership of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church. A letter requesting her transfer from Bethel Community Christian Church was sent January 20, 2026. Christine met with Session at a Special Meeting on February 2, 2026. After discussion, Lois Pierce made the motion to accept Christine into membership and Joyce Wetjen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chris was whole-heartedly received into membership. The letter of transfer was received February 17, 2026.

Please take time to welcome Ray back into the flock and Christine as a new member.

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*Lent Trivia Quiz:*

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word “Lent”?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
6. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
7. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations?
8. Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?
9. When does Lent officially end?



# MARCH 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 Worship <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Rose Hilliard Communion & Congregation/Corporation meeting	<b>2</b> 6:00 Trustees Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	<b>7</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>8</b> 9:00 Worship <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Rev. Joseph Martin  <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:15 Session Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>15</b> 9:00 Worship <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Bob Piel	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <i>First Day of Spring!</i>  <i>Mr. Rogers Day</i>	<b>21</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>22</b> 9:00 Worship <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Rebecca Patterson	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>29</b> 9:00 Worship Rev. Joseph Martin   <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

*Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month or risk being omitted from next month's issue.*